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SUBJ: ARMS ON QUEEN ELIZABETH II

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1. EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE CONTACTED IRISH AUTHORITIES REGARDING SUBJECT MATTER OF REFERENCED MESSAGE, INDICATING WISHES OF THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, FOR RIFLES, SUITCASES AND WITNESSES IN FORTHCOMING TRAIL. POLICE INDICATED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO RELEASE ALL RIFLES REQUESTED, PLUS SIX SUITCASES, AND TO PERMIT SIX (6) WITNESSES TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK TO TESTIFY. THEY STATED THAT THE SIX MEN INVOLVED FORM THE CHAIN OF EVIDENCE FROM THE TIME OF SEIZURE OF THE ARMS IN COBH TO DEPOSITING THEM IN DUBLIN WITH THE PROPER AUTHORITIES.

2. NAMES OF THE SIX MEN INVOLVED FOLLOW:

SUPERINTENDENT SEAMUS MCMAHON
DETECTIVE GARDA EAMON GRIFFIN
DETECTIVE GARDA JOHN BRIDE
SERGEANT TOM NESTOR
DETECTIVE SERGEANT THOMAS O'CONNOR
DETECTIVE SERGEANT BRIAN GARVY

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3. ALL OF ABOVE MEN ARE AVAILABLE FOR TRAVEL TO NEW

YORK FOR JULY 19 ARRIVAL WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SERGEANT NESTOR, AMN WHO FIRST TOOK POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND MATERIAL FROM CUSTOMS IN COBH. HIS WIFE IS EXPECTING CHILD DURING THAT WEEK AND HE WOULD PREFER TO BE AT HOME TO CARE FOR HIS FAMILY. HOWEVER, THERE IS GOOD POSSIBILITY HE WILL TRAVEL NEVERTHELESS AND WILL GIVE FINAL ANSWER THIS WEEKEND. EMBASSY WILL ADVISE OF HIS DECISION AS SOON AS KNOWN.

4. IF ABOVE MEN REQUIRED, RIFLES AND SUITCASES WILL BE HAND CARRIED TO NEW YORK BY SERGEANT BRIAN GARVY.

5. PLEASE SUPPLY FISCAL DATA TO COVER TRAVEL AND ADVISE APPROXIMATE LENGTH OF STAY IN NEW YORK TO ENABLE GRANTING OF TRAVEL ADVANCES. ALL MEN ARE NOW PROCEEDING TO OBTAIN IRISH PASSPORTS AND EMBASSY WILL MAKE ALL NECESSARY TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND EXPEDITE ISSUANCE OF VISAS.
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